



CCSO high LIGHTS



Sheriff's Message



Over the past several months, we have made available newsletters and departmental highlights to share important information with our staff and colleagues and to celebrate the successes of our employees and agency. The "CCSO *high* LIGHTS" is a compilation of these efforts. I recognize our employees as the most valuable resource contributing to our organization's ability to meet our mission. I am committed to supporting staff development and encouraging professional growth. A key to our success is the respect we show our fellow employees and the community we serve. I hope that you will find the information in the "CCSO *high* LIGHTS" interesting, educational, and inspiring.

In Honor of Doc Jamison

On September 5, 2007 a memorial service was held in honor of Dr. John Jamison (November 24, 1941 – September 6, 1982). Doc Jamison was a reserve deputy with the Coconino County Sheriff's Office and was killed in the line of duty 25 years ago. Deputy John Jamison and Ms. JoBeth Jamison accepted the Medal of Valor awarded to their father.

The plaque reads, "While responding to the aid of a fellow deputy, Deputy John B. Jamison was ambushed and mortally wounded. Deputy Jamison displayed the highest qualities of a Deputy Sheriff and professional law enforcement officer. He laid down his life to defend the Constitution of the United States and the laws of the State of Arizona and to protect and serve his fellow man and the citizens of Coconino County."

Reverend William Denlinger and Retired Sheriff Joe Richards provided words of



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remembrance and celebration of life in honor of Doc Jamison. We are honored that so many people attended to pay tribute to Doc Jamison.

Antelope Point Drug Bust

The Page Substation has recently been working with National Park Service and other local law enforcement to crack down on drugs and other illegal material on boats on Lake Powell and the Colorado River.

This month the task force received an anonymous tip of a large quantity of commercial grade fireworks and illegal drugs aboard a house boat at Antelope Marina. A task force of officers from the National Park Service Glen Canyon, Coconino County Sheriff's Office, and a K-9 Unit from Kane County Sheriff's Office responded to the tip. On September 8, 2007, the task force contacted individuals on the house boat "Canyon Breeze" at Antelope Point Marina. In addition to drug paraphernalia, 110 grams of marijuana was seized and 1,200 pounds of commercial grade fireworks valuing \$5,000 was seized. Three people were arrested. Last month they intercepted a private boat trip on the Colorado River that was carrying drugs. During that bust, they arrested four people on illegal drugs and firearms related charges.



Confiscated items from "Canyon Breeze" house boat

Employees Respond to Escape

The Coconino County Detention Facility experienced its first escape since the new Flagstaff facility opened in 2000. On Thursday September 20, 2007 at approximately 7:30 pm Detention Officers discovered that Emerson White escaped through the fence of the outdoor exercise yard in the minimum security unit. Officers immediately initiated a ground search and information about the escape was broadcast to all Arizona law enforcement agencies. An Arizona Department of Public Safety Helicopter Crew assisted by conducting a search from the air. On Monday September 24, 2007 Emerson White turned himself in and was booked into custody on Second Degree Escape.

Employees responded quickly to the events, and several constructive factors came to light. First, other inmates immediately reported the incident to detention staff. This is a good indication of a mutually respectful relationship between inmates and our staff. Second, detention staff quickly broadcast the information to other divisions and law enforcement agencies for an expeditious and integrated response. Third, staff made special efforts to work closely with the family which was instrumental in Emerson's return.

A review of security measures throughout the detention facility is being conducted, and appropriate measures will be taken to prevent a similar incident in the future. The event serves as a reminder to constantly remain vigilant of security issues throughout all facilities.

9-11 Remembrance

It has been six years since the events of "9-11" and the public safety community remains in the forefront of many people's thanks. This year Members of Trinity Heights United Methodist Church brought lunch and goodies to the men and women at the Flagstaff Police Department and

Coconino County Sheriff's Office in honor of their service and in remembrance of the events of September 11, 2001. KAFF/KMGN radio also paid special tribute to our officers in honor of their service and in remembrance of 9-11. Owners of the Dog Haus also commemorated the occasion with goodies, flowers and a card of appreciation.

Sheriff's Office staff joined other public safety officials at Flagstaff City Hall for the community observance of 9-11. The Sheriff also was asked to share a few words with the audience. The day was commemorated by flying flags at half mast in honor of what has been named Patriot Day by President Bush.

*Staff receives special thanks from members of
Trinity Heights United Methodist Church*



Critical Incident Stress Management Team Helps Officers Involved in Shootings

For the past several years, the Coconino County Sheriff's Office has been developing a Critical Incident Stress Management Team (CISM Team) to help employees deal with traumatic events. Currently, there are four individuals certified as CISM responders, and several others who have completed many of the trainings. The group is made up of civilians, detention staff, and sworn officers from both Page and Flagstaff.

Last month, the team was called out twice to assist in "defusing" post-traumatic responses to two shooting incidents. The first incident occurred on Monday, September 10th during which officers tried to confront a mentally ill man who had evaded officers throughout the weekend. The man was armed with a gun and fired shots wounding a Flagstaff Police Officer who was trying to subdue the suspect with a taser. Other officers shot the suspect mortally wounding him.

Two days later, Sheriff's Deputies discharged their weapons at a man who pointed a rifle at them when they responded to his residence for a report of Disturbing the Peace. The County Attorney's Office has since reviewed both cases and cleared the officers involved.

The CISM Team was able to provide officers involved in the events with an outlet for seeking support from friends, family and professionals.

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Service to Community

We are committed to providing responsive and effective Service to the Community. We earn and maintain the public's trust and confidence through our integrity and professionalism. Toward these goals, we devote our personnel, resources and energy.

Sheriff's Office Partners Against Drunk Driving

Partnering with other agencies and organizations is an important component of the Sheriff's Office traffic and DUI enforcement program. One partnership is Drug Impairment Training for Educational Professionals (DITEP). The purpose is to provide school officials and health care professionals with tools to determine if a student may be under the influence of drugs. School officials can then work with parents to initiate appropriate interdiction. Recently, the Sheriff's Office also joined the Northern Arizona Chapter of Omega Delta

Phi Fraternity in a campaign against drinking and driving. Omega Delta Phi is a service and social fraternity dedicated to the needs and concerns of the Hispanic community, to promote higher education, with a motto of one culture, any race. The fraternity will print 5,000 "Don't Drink and Drive, Call a Ride" cards with the help of sponsorship from the Sheriff's Office and Mothers Against Drunk Driving. The cards will be distributed to local establishments that serve alcohol.



Search and Rescue – Always Ready

The motto of the Coconino County Sheriff's Office Search and Rescue Unit is "Always Ready When You Need Us," and their dedicated service is called upon frequently. The Unit is made up of deputies, volunteers, and a coordinator. There are many specialty units within Search and Rescue including Mounted and High Angle Rescue Teams.

Calls often are from people who have become lost or disoriented while enjoying recreation opportunities in our vast forested areas. Many times they are children who have wandered away from a camp, hunters who have not returned at a designated time and location, hikers who have gotten in over their head, or off road enthusiasts who have become disoriented or run out of fuel. Sometimes, the person in need may have disabilities or suffer from conditions that put them at additional risk. Often people are unprepared for the frequent and unpredictable weather changes that occur in the area. Many are in need of first aid.

The Search and Rescue Unit also assists during emergencies. They have played a significant role during wild land fire evacuations and as support in the Incident Command Post and Emergency Operations Center. They spend many hours each year training for all types of possible responses. In the month of September, around 25 Search and Rescue calls for service were received. This averages to almost one per day. Some of these are resolved quickly and do not require a full call out of resources, but others require significant resource commitment. At least 1/3 of the calls resulted in a departmental report.

The Sheriff's Office receives regular thank you letters from people who have been assisted by this dedicated team. Often, they send donations to assist with the training and outfitting of the volunteers. It is wonderful to get this positive feedback from community members.